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SINCE YOU INDICATE IN REFTEL THAT A DRAFT COMMUNIQUE IS
BEING PREPARED IN WASHINGTON, I SUBMIT HERewith A DRAFT
TEXT WHICH OUGHT TO MEET MOST PHILIPPINE WISHES AND
PRESERVE U.S. OPTIONS.

1. THE TWO PRESIDENTS WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY TO
RENEW THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THEIR TWO NATIONS
AND TO REVIEW THE STATUS OF THEIR ALLIANCE IN THE LIGHT
OF CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE PACIFIC REGION.

2. THEY AFFIRMED THAT SOVEREIGN EQUALITY, TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY, AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE OF ALL STATES ARE
FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES WHICH BOTH COUNTRIES SCRUPULOUSLY
RESPECT.

3. THEY CONFIRMED THE MUTUAL RESPECT FOR THE DIGNITY
OF EACH NATION WHICH CHARACTERIZES THEIR FRIENDSHIP AS WELL
AS THEIR ALLIANCE.

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4. THEY DISCUSSED THE MEASURES WHICH THEY AGREED WERE DESIRABLE TO ENHANCE THEIR RELATIONS, AND TO ADJUST THEM TO CURRENT REALITIES.

5. IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, THEY AGREED THAT IT WAS TIMELY TO CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS OF A NEW AGREEMENT ON TRADE, INVESTMENT AND RELATED MATTERS, AS A MEANS TO CNHANCE ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THIS AGREEMNT WOULD MODERNIZE THE TERMS FOR CONDUCTING ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE END OF THE LAUREL LANGLEY AGREEMENT AND GIVING DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE ECOMOMY.

6. IN THE FIELD OF SECURITY COOPERATION, THEY DELCARED THAT THEIR ALLIANCE IS NOT DIRECTED ANGAINST ANY COUNTRY, BUT IS INTENDED TO PRESERVE THE INDEPENDENCE AND PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF THEIR TWO PEOPLES, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME CONTRIBUTING TO PEACE AND PROGRESS FOR ALL. THEY CONSIDER THAT THE TREATY OF AUGUST 30, 1951 HAS ENHANCED THE DEFENSE OF BOTH COUNTRIES, HAS STRENGTHENED THE SECURITY OF THE PACIFIC REGION, AND HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE MAINTENANCE OF WORLD PEACE.

7. THEY AGREED THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF UNITED STATES MILITARY FACILITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES SHOULD BE CONDUCTED ON THE BASIS OF CLEAR RECOGNITION OF PHILIPPINE SOVEREIGNTY OVER TITLE TO THE BASE AREAS AS DEFINED IN THE VARIOUS EXCHANGES OF NOTES BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS SINCE 1947. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREE TO REVIEW STEPS NECESSARY TO CONCLUDE THE NEGOTIATIONS.

8. PRESIDENT MARCOS EXPLAINED THE EFFORTS OF THE PHILIPPINES TO ATTWIN MILITARY SELF-RELIANCE. PRESIDENT FORD EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THIS OBJECTIVE AND INDICATED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE TOWARDS ITS ACHIEVEMENT.

9. PRESIDENT MARCOS DESCRIBED THE PROGRESS BEING MADE BY THE PHILIPPINES AND ITS NEIGHBORS IN THE VARIOUS
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FIELDS OF COOPERATION UNDERTAKEN BY THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS. PRESIDENT FORD EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S WARM SYMPATHY WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION AND HIS BEST WISHES FOR ITS SUCCESS.

10. THE TWO PRESIDENTS REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE CLOSE CONSULTATION ON ALL MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN. PRESIDENT MARCOS ACCEPTED PRESIDENT FORD'S

INVITATION TO MAKE A RETURN VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES
AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
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